



In this issue, we highlight the variety of events that took place during 2018, and also at some of the ways we have been investing in the fabric of the building to make sure it is up to the standard that our customers expect. We also look at some of the events planned for the coming year.



## A "SPOT-ON" EVENING

**On Saturday 16th March, a packed Community room welcomed Andrew James Brown and his show "The Moon Under Water".**

Very fitting for us, this was a show all about pubs. Andrew looked at pubs through the lens of George Orwell's 1946 essay "The Moon Under Water", in which Orwell provided a detailed description of his ideal public house. Andrew looked at these points and encouraged the audience to compare Orwell's ideal pub with our own pub, in a very funny and entertaining way.

The show was supported by Spot On Lancashire, as well as the Inn Crowd, a project that supports rural pubs to host spoken word, poetry and

storytelling performances. We hope to be able to bring more Inn Crowd performances to the Dog Inn in the future.

Many of the audience had not visited the Dog Inn before, but stated that they were very likely to return. Here's what some people thought of the show:

"Outstanding! The venue was very good, and our overall experience of the evening was mind-blowing. The performance was well pitched, great audience participation, and very, very enjoyable."

"Just enjoyed another "Spot-on" evening in the Community room. The quirky performance was endearing and funny, creating a lovely warm atmosphere that carried on downstairs where the artist

enjoyed a beer with his friends, family and audience. Please keep these events coming."

"The quality was top-notch, and the venue very welcoming and friendly. This was our first time at the Dog Inn, but we definitely intend to return."



### OPENING HOURS

#### PUB

MON: 2-8pm  
TUES - SUN: 12-11pm

#### RESTAURANT

MON: Closed  
TUES-THUR: 12-2pm, 5-9pm  
FRI-SAT: 12pm-9pm  
SUN: 12-8pm

#### COFFEE SHOP

MON - FRI: 2-5pm

# Toilet Refurbishment



**Some of our guests may have noticed a change in the toilets recently.**

Whilst the ladies toilets have been given a bit of a spruce up – many thanks to Marianne Davies for doing this in her spare time, – the gents toilets have undergone major refurbishment, which involved taking out all the old facilities, and installing brand new ones.

The work took a couple of weeks, during which time the gentlemen had to put up with using the old bathroom upstairs, but we hope you will agree that the sacrifice was worth it, and that we now have facilities that are fitting for the pub.







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# 2018 - ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

We had another busy year in 2018 as we continue to host a large number of wide ranging events - here's a quick summary of the year:

**51 QUIZ NIGHTS**  
Including special nights such as 'men v women' & Burns Night.

**9 CHURCH SERVICES**  
In the Community Room, including 'Harvest' & 'Carols round the tree'

**5 CHARITY EVENTS**  
Raising money for Alzheimers Society, Macmillan, Cancer Research & Admiral Nurses / Dementia UK

**14 FREE EVENING EVENTS**  
Featuring live music and a variety of fantastic live bands.

**4 FREE FAMILY EVENTS**  
Easter egg hunt, May Day parade, royal wedding, firework display

**2 ANNUAL EVENTS**  
Hosted the annual children's Christmas party & over 60s Christmas Party.

**9 OPEN MIC SESSIONS**  
Featuring aspiring musicians and their talents

**4 DRAMA/ARTS EVENTS**  
Including youth drama club performances & events by Spot-On Lancashire

**2 CHILDREN'S PARTIES**  
Storytime parties featuring the Gruffalo and Room on the Broom.



## PAYING OUT

**At the end of 2018 the pub board agreed a 3% interest payment to all shareholders.**

If you, as an investor, haven't returned your form to the Secretary, Kathryn Sharpe, please do this as soon as possible. If you require a hard copy of the form, these are available behind the bar.

This payment has been made possible by the pub not needing to pay a manager, due to Craig Steele taking on the role of manager on a voluntary basis, we are all extremely grateful for all the time and hard work he puts in to the pub.

We are also incredibly grateful to the many volunteers (too numerous to mention by name) who regularly also give their time and energy to help with the running of the pub in a variety of different ways.

The pub finances have also benefited from the reopening of the restaurant, meaning that the sales behind the bar have increased.

We have also used some of this extra revenue to pay for the refurbishment of the gents toilets, as mentioned elsewhere in this edition of Dog's Life, and we also plan to carry out a roofing project on the pub in the summer to ensure the structure of the building remains watertight for the next twenty years or so.



## BRAVING THE SHAVE

**Back in November last year, two very brave villagers, Andy and Petra Thorpe, both faced a crowded pub and braved the shave for Macmillan.**

Petra had specifically been growing her hair long, so that as well as raising money for Macmillan, she could also donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust which uses real

hair to make wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment.

The pub was packed for this charity event, and we would like to thank Becky for wielding her scissors!

Over £1550 was raised for Macmillan – so we would like to thank Andy and Petra, and all those who sponsored them or donated money.

## CALLING POTENTIAL ADVERTISERS

**Do you have anything to sell, or would you like to advertise your business in the Dog's Life.**

Produced three to four times per year, Dog's Life goes out to all Dog Inn shareholders, as well as all village residents.

Adverts cost £20 for a full page, £10 for half a page and £5 for a quarter page. Please contact us for further details.

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The Dog Inn at Belthorn Community Freehouse

# COME & JOIN US?

We have a variety of regular activities laid on throughout the week, to which everyone is invited.

The first one is our re-named “**Crafty Giggles**” (previously Craft and Chat). This takes place every Tuesday upstairs in the Community room, from 1 - 4pm.

Even if you don't do any crafts you are more than welcome to come and join in the chat. Alternatively, maybe you could get some inspiration to start a new craft venture - the current members of the group are very friendly and always willing to share some of their expertise.

Also on Tuesdays is our **darts and dominoes** group, which meets at 8pm in the bar. Again, no previous experience is necessary, and all are welcome. We are hoping to get together enough people to enter teams in the local leagues, so please come along and support this.

**Bridge Club** meets in the bar every Wednesday night from 8pm. Even if you have no experience of Bridge, the group are very friendly and welcoming, and can coach you in the basics of this card game which takes a few minutes to learn, but which probably takes a lifetime to master.

Every Thursday is our **pub quiz night** and new teams are always welcome. With a great mix of fun & trivia, our weekly quiz is always well attended



with teams (max 6 people) competing with general knowledge, current affairs and music know how. At the half way break we 'Play Your Cards Right' - entry tickets for this are £1 each. Quiz starts 8pm, £1 quiz entry.

**Brews & Babies** - we are interested in setting up a group for parents and young children, please contact us if you would be interested.



# Dates at The Dog

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

**Mondays: 4-5pm: Drama group** for year 5 children upwards (Term Time only)

**Tuesdays, 1-4pm:** Crafty Giggles - upstairs in the Community Room

**Tuesdays, 8pm:** Darts & Dominoes

**Wednesdays, 8pm:** Bridge Night

**Thursdays, 8pm:** Quiz Night

**Tues 9th April, 7 - 7.30pm: Member's Surgery** A chance to meet Board members with your suggestions & comments.

**Tue 16th April, 7.30pm: History Society** Jennie is going to give us another one of her fascinating talks in this now much anticipated annual event. Last March's talk about Lancashire military hospitals in WW1 was great, so we look forward to seeing what subject we'll be treated to this year.

**Sun 21st April, 2.30pm: Informal Church Service** In the Community Room: all welcome.

**Mon 22nd April, 2pm: Easter Egg Hunt** Organised by the Village Committee, all welcome.

**Sat 27th April, 9pm: Live Music with Midnight** A pop & rock covers band, hits from Bon Jovi, Fleetwood Mac, Eurythmics, Blondie, Bowie, Pretenders & more. Free admission. Everyone welcome

**Sun 28th April, 10am-12pm: Car Boot Sale** £5 per boot - prebook your space.

**Sun 28th April, 11am-1pm: Admiral Nurses Coffee Morning**

**Sun 28th April, 11am-1pm Dog Show** Our Dog Show returns. Bring you four-legged friend along and join in with our fun dog show. Prizes and rosettes for the winners.

**Sat 4th May, 8pm: Live music with Knotted** This ever-popular band return to the Dog Inn. Free admission, all welcome.

**Sun 5th May, 2pm: Tradition May Day Parade** Meet at 2pm at the War Memorial, finish at the Dog Inn for fun & refreshments.

**Tue 19th May, 7pm: History Society** To mark the coming of summer we'll be venturing out of the pub for a history stroll around the village followed by a short quiz on Belthorn's past. If you're new to the village come along and learn a little about our moorland home. There's a £1 entrance fee and prizes.

**Tues 14th May, 7 - 7.30pm: Member's Surgery** A chance to meet Board members with your suggestions & comments.

**Sun 19th May, 2.30pm: Informal Church Service** In the Community Room: all welcome.

**Mon 20th May Annual General Meeting** All shareholders welcome.

**Sat 1st June, 9pm: Keep It Covered** Live music with this popular Rock & Blues band. Free admission, all welcome.

**Sun 2nd June, 2 - 4pm: Scarecrow's Wedding** Themed children's party and storyline. Tickets £3 per child.

**Tues 11th June, 7.30pm: Member's Surgery** A chance to meet Board members with your suggestions & comments.

**Sun 9th June, 2-6pm: Open Mic** Free admission, all welcome.

**Sun 16th June, 2.30pm: Informal Church Service** In the Community Room: all welcome.

**Saturday 6th July, 9pm: Night Swingers** Live music with this Lancashire-based Jazz Quartet, playing a mixture of traditional and modern music with a Jazz swing. Free admission, all welcome.

**Tuesday 9th July, 7 - 7.30pm: Member's Surgery:** Your chance to meet with Board members with your ideas, suggestions and comments.

**Sunday 21st July, 2.30pm: Informal Church Service** in the Community Room: all welcome.

**Saturday 27th July, 9pm: Ste Leech: Live Irish music** with vocal and fiddle. All welcome, free admission.

**Sunday 4th August, 3 - 5pm: "Moana"** - themed children's party and storyline





# Patrick's

TEA & COFFEE SHOP



## AFTER SCHOOL TREATS

EVERYDAY 2PM - 5PM

Don't forget we have a selection of delicious cakes, biscuits, cold & hot drinks, tuck shop sweets, & ice cream. The after-school winter favourite is Patrick's special hot chocolate, served with cream & plenty of marshmallows.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who have worked in the coffee shop over the past three years since opening, all their hard work and time is very much appreciated. We are always looking for more volunteers to help out in the coffee shop, either on a regular or an ad-hoc basis. If you would like to be part of the Patrick's team, please get in touch. Full training on the tills and on the coffee machine will be provided.

Teenagers over the age of 14 are also most welcome to volunteer in the coffee shop – and those under 16 who complete their induction in the coffee shop will receive a certificate of achievement to add to their CVs. If you are interested in helping out by volunteering, learning barista skills and becoming part of our friendly team, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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